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SUBJ: PROPOSED ADB TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (TA) TO VIETNAM
FOR LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

SUMMARY: ADB PRESIDENT HAS APPROVED $49,600 GRANT TO GOVT OF VIETNAM (GVN) TO FINANCE FOREX COST OF TA TO FORMUALTE A LIVESTOCK PROJECT AIMED AT PRODUCING WORK ANIMALS AND BEEF FOR THE DOMESTIC MARKET, AND TO DETERMINE TECHNICAL, ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL AND INSTITUTIONAL FEASIBILITY OF SUCH A PROJECT. ADB AND FAO WILL SHARE FOREX COSTS OF THE PROJECT WHICH WILL UTILIZE FAO EXPERTS. END SUMMARY.

1. ADB DOC R89-74 DESCRIBING APPROVED GRANT POUCHED ADDRESSEES SEPT. 16.

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2. PROCEEDS OF GRANT WILL FINANCE PROPOSED LIVESTOCK

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PROJECT TO FEASIBILITY LEVEL BY PROVIDING TO GVN ONE HALF FOREX COSTS OF FOURTEEN MAN-MONTHS OF FAO EXPERT SERVICES IN FIELDS OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, GRASSLAND IMPROVEMENT, ANIMAL HEALTH, SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY AND ECONOMICS. FAO FINANCING BALANCE FOREX COSTS. CONSULTANTS, WILL REVIEW CATTLE AND BUFFALO LIVESTOCK SECTORS AND THEIR RESPECTIVE ROLES IN MEAT SUPPLY AND DRAFT PURPOSES, TO FORMULATE WITHIN 5 MONTHS A DEVELOPMENT PROJECT COMPRISING A PROPOSED CENTRAL BREEDING FARM TO BE STOCKED WITH IMPORTED ANIMALS; ATTACHED SATELLITE UNITS TO DISTRIBUTE IMPROVED STOCK AND TO JOIN VILLAGE UNITS OF FARMERS TO MULTIPLY AND REAR DUAL-PURPOSE CROSS BREEDS.

3. FOR CORE OF PROJECT -- CENTRAL BREEDING FARM -- GVN HAS SET ASIDE 8,500 HECTARES IN KHAN HOA PROVINCE, 100 KILOMETERS FROM NHA TRANG ON HIGHWAY 21, AN AREA CONTINGUOUS WITH LIVING AREAS SET ASIDE FOR HIGHLANDERS BY MINISTRY OF ETHNIC MINORITIES. PROJECT TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTEGRATING HIGHLANDERS INTO ECONOMY; CATTLE HEARDS OF ETHNIC MINORITIES MAY BECOME PART OF SATELLITE FARMS TO BE SUPPORTED UNDER PROJECT. GERMAN-AIDED SLAUGHTERHOUSE RECENTLY ESTABLISHED IN SAIGON HAS CAPACITY FOR SERVICING PROPOSED PROJECT AND COULD ASSIST IN MARKETING.

4. MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE REQUESTED TA AFTER BANK MISSION, IN CONSULTATION WITH USAID, UNDP AND CANADIANS, AGREED ON CONSENSUS THAT USAID-FOUNDED 1971 UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA PROPOSAL FOR DEVELOPING 370,000 HECTARES IDLE GRASSLANDS BE SCALED DOWN TO MANAGEABLE SIZE.

5. UNDER PROVISIONS PARA 7.2 OF BANK'S GUIDELINES ON TA OPERATIONS, PRESIDENT CAN APPROVE TA IN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING $50,000 WITHOUT SEEKING APPROVAL OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
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